


### Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004. Claim 14 is canceled without prejudice of disclaimer, and applicants expressly reserve all rights to such subject matter. Claims 1, 15 and 22 are amended. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13 and 15-32 will be pending. Applicants also provide amended drawings. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's determination that claims 25-32 are allowed and that claims 1-13 and 15-21 are allowable. Upon entry of this amendment, applicants submit that the examiner will determine that claims 22-24 also are allowable.

Applicants traverse the rejection based upon Zahalka et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,385,332, and the grounds that this reference does not disclose each and every element of the claims prior to this amendment. Without acquiescing in the rejection, applicants amended the claims to moot the rejection in order to advance the allowed claims.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicants respectfully request that all objections and rejections be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be forthcoming. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for applicants at 202-912-2777 for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

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### Amendments

In the Drawings:

**Amendments to the figures are made by presenting replacement figures which include the desired changes, without markings. The changes are explained in the accompanying remarks section of the amendment paper.**